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SUBJECT: U.S./MEXICO DRAFT TOURISM AGREEMENT

1. CONSULTATIVE SUBGROUP MEETINGS ON TOURISM AGREEMENT  
CONCLUDED  
MARCH 30 WITH NEW DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY  
U.S. TRAVEL SERVICE IN WASHINGTON.

2. ON CONSULAR SIDE, RESULTING DRAFT CONTAINS NOTHING SPECIAL  
AS CONTROVERSIAL PARAGRAPHS WERE DELETED AT REQUEST OF MEXICAN  
SIDE.

EXAMPLES: (1) PARAGRAPH REFERRING TO VISA FEES WAS CHANGED  
TO REFER TO TOURISTS ONLY (FOR WHICH NO FEES EXIST ON EITHER  
SIDE), SO REST OF THE PARAGRAPH, DEALING WITH OTHER TYPES OF  
VISAS, WAS DELETED. MEXICAN SIDE SAID THEY DID NOT HAVE  
AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS THE OTHER FEES, WHICH WE WANTED REMOVED,  
BECAUSE THEY ARE IN THE FORM OF "IMPUESTOS". THEY WERE NOT  
AGREEABLE TO LEAVING IN A PHRASE RECOMMENDING A STUDY OF THE  
FEES TO FIND MEANS OF REMOVAL. HOWEVER, DRAFT DOES PROVIDE  
FOR PARTIES TO CONSIDER WAIVING VISA FEES IN INDIVIDUAL CASES  
FOR EXPERTS IN AND TEACHERS OF TOURISM EQUIVALENT TO U.S.  
EXCHANGE VISITOR VISA, FOR WHICH WE CHARGE NO FEE. (2) PARAGRAPH  
RE REDUCTION OF PASSPORT FEES, INITIALLY APPROVED IN SUBGROUP  
COMMITTEE MEETING, WAS DELETED IN PLENARY SESSION ON OBJECTIONS  
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OF MEXICAN SIDE. BASIS OF OBEJECTION WAS THAT THEY NOT PREPARED  
TO CHANGE PASSPORT FEES OR "DERECHOS" WITH REGARD TO WORLD  
TRAVEL AND CANNOT CHANGE THEM ONLY WITH REGARD TO U.S.

3. DRAFT MEETING WENT WELL OTHERWISE. OF SPECIAL NOTE

WHEN ASST. SEC. FAVIAN CHAVEZ MENTIONED WITH APPROVAL THE  
BAJA CALIFORNIA PUBLIC DEFENDER SYSTEM FOR TOURISTS, REFERRED  
TO IN STATE 079116, MEXICAN SECRETARY OF TOURISM GUILLERMO  
ROSSELL DE LA LAMA REPLIED THAT THE MEXICAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
WAS ALSO PLEASED WITH THE BAJA SYSTEM AND THAT WITHIN THE  
NEXT TWO YEARS WE COULD EXPECT TO SEE AN EVEN BETTER SYSTEM IN  
EFFECT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HE DID NOT SUPPLY ANY  
DETAILS.  
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